

Notes for Non-local Visiting Applicants (Undergraduate)

- Non-local students are persons who require a student visa/entry permit issued by the Hong Kong Immigration Department to study in Hong Kong. Students who were issued a dependant visa/entry permit at age 18 or above are also regarded as non-local students. Please click [here](#) for details about the definition of local and non-local students.
- Non-local students must obtain a student visa/entry permit **before coming to Hong Kong** to study. For information on visa applications, please consult the website of the Hong Kong Immigration Department at www.immd.gov.hk.
- For applicants from the mainland, Taiwan and Macao, the cumulative duration of short-term studies taken up by any student should not exceed 180 days within any 12-month period. If you need further information, please refer to the [HK Immigration Department's Guidebook for Entry for Study in Hong Kong](#).
- It normally takes 6 weeks or longer to process a student visa application. You are advised to apply well in advance to ensure that your visa is issued before the start of your visiting study. For assistance with student visa sponsorship and information on applying for student visa, please visit the website of the [Global Engagement Office](#).
- Due to visa restrictions, non-local visiting students are required to undertake a full-time study load \geq 12 credits (i.e., at least four courses of three credit units each) in Semester A or B and at least six but no more than seven credit units in the Summer Term (i.e., at least two courses of three credit units each). Once an admission offer has been made and accepted by a non-local applicant, any change of credit load to fewer than 12 credit units (fewer than 6 credit units for the Summer Term) is normally not permitted.
- It is **MANDATORY** for all non-local students to have suitable and adequate insurance which should include but not limited to travel, personal accident, medical expenses (accident and non-accident), hospitalization and emergency evacuation / repatriation throughout the entire period of their studies in Hong Kong. Students should arrange their own insurance before coming to Hong Kong. If they are not able to do so or would like to have additional coverage, they may enrol in the CityU-contracted insurance plan. For more information, please visit the website of the [Global Engagement Office](#).
- Visiting students are expected to prepare and arrange their own accommodation before their arrival in Hong Kong. For more information regarding off-campus accommodation options, please visit: www.cityu.edu.hk/sro/StudentHousing/oca.htm.